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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE RECEIVED**

In re Application of:

Takayuki Sugawara et al.

Serial No: 09/511,931

Filed: February 24, 2000

For: Disk Device with Improved Error  
Correction Capability

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Technology Center 2100

Examiner: Stephen M. Baker

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated March 27, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-9.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).

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2. ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ Fee \$320.00 Other than a Small Entity
- ☒ Enclosed
- ☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)
- ☐ Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. A petition is enclosed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 2, 2003

  
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